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1. On 27 September 1953, no aircraft were observed at Werneuchen airfield. A Po-2 landed at about 4:30 p.m. Two officers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks were observed in Werneuchen. 25X1
2. No aircraft were observed at the field between 23 September and 25 October. MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and Po-2s were repeatedly observed flying over the airfield and its surroundings.¹
3. At 11:15 a.m. on 1 October, a column of six trucks towing 37-mm AA guns moved from the direction of the signal house at the intersection of the Werneuchen-Bad Freienwalde road and the Werneuchen-Wriezen railroad line and turned into the road which leads to the northwest toward the railroad station. At 1 p.m., a motor convoy towing 37-mm guns was observed on Highway No 158 in Werneuchen en route toward the signal house. The AA gun emplacements in the western section of the field were vacant on 21 October. Smoke emerged only from the smokestack of an earth bunker, located southwest of the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern corner of the field.²
4. The following fuel shipments left the two fuel dumps at the airfield between 16 and 25 October:
 - 16 October. Eleven railroad tank cars with 244.7 tons from the southern fuel dump;
 - 19 October. Nine railroad tank cars with 146.8 tons from the southern fuel dump;
 - 22 October. Thirteen railroad tank cars with 217.1 tons from the two fuel dumps;
 - 25 October. Five railroad tank cars from the northern fuel dump; and ten railroad tank cars were being filled on the spur track at the northern fuel dump.

Three empty railroad tank cars were still available at the Werneuchen railroad station. indicated that all railroad tank cars were to be dispatched to Aken.³ 25X1
5. The following supply shipments were observed arriving in Werneuchen:
 - 28 September. One boxcar with ration supply from Finsterwalde, dispatched by and consigned to Red Army, unloaded at Werneuchen railroad station;

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1 October. One boxcar [] from Werder, unloaded at the airfield;

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22 October. Five gondola cars with 100 tons of briquettes, from Gross Raeschen, and consigned to Unit Maloletnev; three gondola cars with 57 tons of anthracite coal from Neu Oelsnitz.

On 13 October, a boxcar with personnel and a boxcar with 8.1 tons of military goods left Werneuchen airfield for Buckau-Pransdorf.⁴

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6. An underground bunker, covered with sod, was about 50 meters west and about 80 meters north of the northwestern corner of the runway. [] an antenna had been observed on the bunker several times when the field was still occupied.

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7. On 21 October, [] the garage, the longitudinal sides of which were open, was vacant; the garage could house 17 motor vehicles. The destroyed boiler house, 8 to 10 meters north of the railroad siding, still housed boilers on which 4 to 6 civilians were working. A Soviet truck with a hoisting gear was parked near the boiler house. Some Soviet soldiers were working in the workshop of a forge.

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8. Driving school truck [] and trucks [] all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed in Werneuchen.

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9. At about 7:30 a.m. on 2 October, no activity or occupation was observed at the field. The AA gun emplacements along the Werneuchen - Bad Freienwalde road were not occupied. Sentries were observed on the watchtowers around the ammunition dump.¹

1. [] Comment. Werneuchen airfield is still unoccupied by an air unit.

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2. [] Comment. [] on the AA gun emplacements [] only a few emplacements are temporarily occupied.

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3. [] Comment. [] This information could indicate that Werneuchen airfield is not to be reoccupied in the near future.

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4. [] Comment. Unit Maloletnev is known to be responsible for the supply of heating material and the maintenance of the heating installations. The boxcar with military goods dispatched to Buckau-Pransdorf probably carried ammunition.

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